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ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds provided by the Government for higher education during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether allocated the funds have not been able to meet the demand of higher education in the country;

(c) the total funds required and available at present with the Government for this purpose;

(d) whether to meet the gap between the demand and supply, the Government proposes to seek private sector assistance for promotion of higher education in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and strategy chalked out by the Government during Eleventh Plan period to meet the demand of higher education in the country.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e) A statement indicating the grants paid by University Grants Commission(UGC) to Central/State and Deemed universities during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006- 07 under non-plan and plan schemes is at Annexure. The funds are released based on demand and eligibility. For 2008-09 the allocation for UGC is Rs. 3439.95 crore. The National Policy on Education 1986 (as modified in 1992) encourages non governmental and voluntary effort in education while preventing the establishment of institutions intending to commercialise education. In the XI plan emphasis is being laid on improving access, equity and quality in higher education. Accordingly government is setting up central universities in uncovered states, colleges in districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) lower than the national average in higher education, giving incentives to states to increase outlay on higher education etc.